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Contamination suspected at fire site

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Concerns about possible toxic exposure have prompted local fire department officials to order testing of firefighters' gear for carcinogens after a fire last Wednesday at a DTE Energy sub-station next door to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street.

The gear will be tested for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) which the Environmental Protection Agency has classified as a probable human carcinogen.

The fire left 4,000 city residents and businesses without power, some only restored in the early morning hours Friday as DTE crews worked round-the-clock. Power to downtown businesses on both Main and Forest streets was interrupted until Friday morning, grinding downtown business to a standstill.

Firefighters from Northville-Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville Township, including a Western Wayne County Fire Department Haz-Mat team, were dispatched about 8:30 p.m. Sept. 16, after numerous callers reported hearing popping noises and then observing heavy black smoke and flames shooting from the area of the brick, slate-tiled building that adjoins a large structure of beams and transformers. The sub-station is owned by DTE Energy and functions to regulate voltage for an estimated 4,000 homes and businesses in the city.

According to DTE Executive Director Distribution Operations Ryan Stow, the substation, which now must be totally rebuilt, contained transformers, protection and control equipment and circuit breakers to interrupt any



Friday afternoon, workers in protective gear clean up debris at the site of the fire and shoveled it into sealed barrels clearly labeled as containing PCB, a known carcinogen. Photo by Dave Willett

short circuits or overload conditions that occur in the network.

Stow was reticent to give specifics about the fire or the size and character of the electrical equipment stating, "It was a failure in the sub-station the led to the noise people heard." His only comment as to the cause of the fire, which he said is still under investigation, was that the fire was "not related to an overload" and could have been caused by "animal interference—like a squirrel."

Numerous fire-related incidents like the one at the Plymouth substation involving electrical equipment can contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and are known to result in widespread contamination of buildings and structures, according to the National Institute for Occupation Safety and Health

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Flames shot into the sky during the fire caught on camera by Joey Richards, 10, a fifth-grade student at Gallimore Elementary School who is an aspiring vlogger with his own YouTube channel (JoeBroMan123).



Heavy black smoke poured from the DTE substation in Plymouth last Wednesday night. Photo by Guy Villett

Wayne councilman could face recall vote

City of Wayne Councilman Christopher Sanders is facing the prospect of a voter recall election next year.

Ron Roberts, acting as the spokesman the Concerned Citizens of Wayne group, announced at a recent meeting of the city council that the group had filed six proposed petitions for a recall of Sanders with the Wayne County Board of Elections Aug. 14. Roberts said that the three-member panel would approve the language of only one of the petitions within 10 to 20 days of submission.

"I'd just rather not say what the language is that was turned

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in," Roberts said. "Any language not accepted by Wayne County, we'll just keep quiet. The law says that the language only has to be factual, so I am sure one of the petitions will be approved."

Roberts confirmed that recall language was submitted to the county against two other sitting council members, but declined to identify those officials.

"They need to get the message that we are not happy with them," Roberts said.

Sanders, 48, who has served on the city council since November of 2015, said he would rather not comment on the petitions or the language as he hadn't seen it and had no idea what the claims or basis might be.

Roberts said that citizens'

group would have 60 days after approval of the language in the recall petitions to gather 1,300 signatures of registered voters in Wayne agreeing to put the recall question on the ballot.

"With the legal restrictions, which say it can't be less than 90 days after the signatures have been accepted, it would be on the ballot in November of 2018," he said.

Roberts added that should the language of all six petitions be rejected by Wayne County officials, he will attempt to correct any missteps and re-file the

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Township water rates hiked by 8 percent

Water rates in Plymouth Township have been increased by 8 percent following approval of the measure by a 5-2 vote of members of the board of trustees.

The new rates are an average increase of \$56.35 annually or \$14 every quarter, according to Township Treasurer Mark Clinton. Average township residential water bills are now estimated at \$992.16, based on a fee of \$10.20 per 1,000 gallons.

Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Jack Dempsey cast no votes on the proposal while Supervisor Kurt Heise, Clerk

Jerry Vorva, Clinton and trustees Chuck Curmi and Gary Heitman voted in favor of the increase.

The new rate was called for by Heise who told the board members that the township needs to increase the water-sewer cash reserves that are now at \$4.2 million. The reserves topped \$10 million at one time, officials said, and helped defray any rate increases for water and sewer services. Heise also said that it was necessary to impose an increase in order to recoup the losses in the fund as a result of the previous

administration lowering the water-sewer rates by 5 percent as an election ploy.

Dempsey said his no vote was prompted by his need for more data regarding the actual revenue the township needed and that he did not have enough information on which to support the rate hike.

Clinton had earlier proposed a 5-percent rate hike based on an analysis of rate increases ranging from 5 to 10 percent he presented. He favored a 5-percent increase but after discussion, voted in favor of the 8 percent proposed by Heise. He said

the 8 percent will generate the \$15.2 million in revenue necessary to operate the water-sewer system in the township, pay the debt obligations and set aside \$1.5 million for emergencies and maintenance.

Heise said his concern was based on his experience as a Wayne County environmental director and drain commissioner:

"I've seen what happens when government doesn't budget for future needs," he said. "We don't want to get caught in

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WESTLAND

City buys ambulances

Medical emergencies will be a bit less stressful for Westland residents with the purchase of two new rescue vehicles by the city.

Members of the city council approved the purchase of two new Type 1 EMS Rescue Vehicles last week at a cost of \$394,000.

“The new rescues were purchased with reliability, patient comfort and safety in mind,” said Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner. “In the past our vehicles have traditionally been built upon a van chassis. This style of rescue is no longer offered in a diesel engine and had limited options we were looking for in-patient design.”

These new vehicles are described as state-of-the-art and are equipped with a new liquid suspension, making for a better, smoother ride to the hospital for patients. They also have a new 6.7 liter diesel motor and LED light to enhance visibility when emergency lights are activated, Stradtner explained.

The EMS rescue vehicles were purchased through Michigan-based Mercy Sales, utilizing consortium pricing through the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Westland received the lowest possible price and the more departments that purchase through the consortium results in a rebate from the manufacture back to the city for added savings, officials said.

“The Westland Fire Department receives over 12,000 calls annually with about 83 percent relating to medical emergencies,” said Westland Mayor William Wild. “The department relies on durability and understands that the patient should be afforded the best experience available from firefighters and their vehicles. The City of Westland makes providing them with the proper tools and equipment a number one priority to ensure the safety of those within our community,” he added.

Appointment to Downtown Development Authority OK'd

Mo Elfakir has been reappointed to the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Elfakir's appointment by Mayor William R. Wild was confirmed by members of the city council during their meeting last week.

The 11-member Downtown Development Authority implements and manages an improvement and business development plan in a commercial district along Ford Road and Wayne Road in Westland.

Elfakir is the owner of Biggby Coffee, located at 36640 Ford Road. He has been a Westland business owner for 10 years and is actively involved in a number of community events. Elfakir has served on the DDA board since 2013 and his new term will expire in 2021.

“By taking one step inside Biggby in Westland, it is clear how much Mo cares about Westland and has made Biggby Coffee a staple in our community,” commented Wild. “His unique perspective as a business owner has been a tremendous asset to the DDA Board.”



Mo Elfakir



Wanted

Westland police detectives are continuing an investigation into multiple complaints of vandalism at a home located near Farmington and Cowan roads in the city. Some of the individuals caught on video surveillance cameras not only trespassed but intentionally damaged the victim's property including vehicles, his home and barn. Police said there have been numerous acts of vandalism on the property during the past, prompting the owner to install multiple surveillance cameras. Police request anyone with information contact the department at (734)772-9600 or (734) 467-3194.

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PLYMOUTH



Fire

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(NIOSH).
Stowe said he “didn’t know” if the sub-station transformers or equipment contained PCB, but added DTE changed out the oil and the transformers over the years.

Friday morning, however, workers dressed in protective gear were shoveling the heavy ash and oil-soaked debris from the site of the fire into black, 50-gallon sealed drums clearly labeled as containing PCB, apparently for hazardous waste disposal.

According to industry experts and leading fire professionals, PCB is considered a toxic chemical with residual characteristics. It was mainly found in insulating fluids (oil) in heavy-duty electrical equipment and transformers in power plants installed since the late 1920s. It is used mainly because of stability at high temperatures.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned manufacturing of PCB in the U.S. in 1979 and immediately established controlled waste disposal regulations. Waste containing PCB must be destroyed by incineration or disposed in approved landfills. It is said to be bio-accumulative and not biodegradable. PCB exposure can lead to adverse health effects, according to the EPA. The non-flammable synthetic chemicals are still used as coolants and lubricants in electrical equipment even though the chemical is no longer manufactured in the U.S.

Aerial video footage taken at the fire shows enormous raging flames and a huge plume of thick black smoke billowing-up

in mushroom clouds from a large transformer directly at the rear of the building. Firefighters said the smoke is a characteristic of burning oil. One informed firefighter said the transformers could have contained more than 1,000 gallons of contaminated cooling oil.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said he was informed the oil in the transformers had been changed several times during the years but said he was being cautious about the reported risks of increased toxicity. He said rumors that the attending firefighters gear was to be destroyed and burned was “a half-truth.” He added that PCB is destroyed in temperatures higher than 1,000 degrees, and that the heavy black smoke was a sign of incomplete combustion.

Phillips said the fire department gave “some” firefighter gear to DTE to test for the dangerous particulates and if the gear is safe, it will be cleaned and returned to service.

“We are taking an over-abundance of caution to make sure everyone is safe,” he said.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock described the performance and response by area fire department personnel at the fire as “phenomenal.”

Witnesses said firefighters soaked the cultural center to prevent any sparks or flying debris to ignite at that building while continuing to battle the flames and smoke at the burning sub-station.

Phillips said he was equally pleased with the outcome and the performance of the firefighters.

“The (fire) departments did a great job containing the fire, protecting the cultural center and saving the sub-station building,” Phillips said.

At the new rate, water and sewer costs in Plymouth Township are less than neighboring communities. City of Plymouth average rates are \$12.07; Canton rates are \$12.83; City of Northville rate is \$14.99 and Northville Township residents pay \$11.28, according to the analysis prepared by Clinton.

Water

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that type of situation. It’s fiscally prudent for us to rebuild those resources so we have money to make the continuing improvements that are necessary.”

Company will invest \$2 million in Plymouth

The last vacant space in Metro West Technology Park in Plymouth Township has been filled.

Polytec, Inc, a German company, will invest \$2 million in the technology park located on Halyard between Ridge and Beck roads in the township. The company will move a robotics laboratory and engineering and office space into the vacant two-story, 12,000 square-foot building. Polytec representatives said they will employ 10-12 people in the new location and hope to be in operation by next year.

Polytec builds laser-based vibration measurement systems to eliminate rattling and noise in products produced by

the automotive and aerospace industries. The company also provides data storage and biomedical ultrasound services for manufacturers.

Members of the township board of trustees approved a 12-year, 50-percent tax abatement for Polytec at a recent meeting. Township officials estimate that the business will generate \$25,000 to \$30,000 in tax revenue during the 12-year period.

Polytec has subsidiary facilities in Japan, China, Singapore, France, England and Sweden along with American properties in California, Massachusetts and in Dexter, MI.

Theater auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater are set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The fall program is for ages 6 - 15.

Families can register online at www.plymoutharts.com, or in person or by phone from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

Call (734) 416-4278 to pre-register for an appointment at 5:30, 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. or email lisa@plymoutharts.com to reserve a time slot on Sunday. Actors should be prepared to interact with others who are auditioning, and have a short audition piece prepared. Audition material can be a monologue, joke, or

poem. It may be memorized or read. All actors will be cast.

Rehearsals will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. Sundays at the PCAC. Final performances will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Actors must commit to being at all performances, as well as dress rehearsals at Tipping Point Theater after school (typically 4:30-6 p.m.) during Tech Week, Dec. 4, 5, 6, and 7. Exact dates and times within this range will be provided on a full schedule during the first weeks of rehearsal.

The cost for the program is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for the final performance.

Parent participation is welcome during tech week and final performances, but always optional and not a requirement for this program.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Philharmonic opens season

The Michigan Philharmonic will opens a new season on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Village Theater in Canton with “A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans”.

This 2017-18 concert series themed Arts Advocacy, highlights the Michigan Philharmonic commitment to community and diversity as the orchestra features music by composers from different cultural backgrounds, as well as inviting local artists and various youth groups to collabo-

rate. During the past 72 years, amid ever-changing educational systems, policies, and economic stability, Michigan Philharmonic unwavering support for composers, music education and community engagement has remained pertinent in preserving artistic integrity and enrichment through performance and education.

For more information about times and tickets, visit www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2017, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WESTCHESTER 3 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -FINAL PLAN- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 025 99 0004 701. Property is located south of Warren Road and west of Ridge Road (Second Public Hearing).

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 7, 2017 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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WHELAN/GREENLEAF TRUST CONDITIONAL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 004 99 0002 003 AND 003 99 0007 003 FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R-6 SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL SUBJECT TO A STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.07. Property is located north of Koppernick Road and east of Haggerty Road.

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Inkster - Wayne



Inkster Legend Director Fred Smiley and veteran Detroit Pistons announcer George Blaha share a moment at the 20th Anniversary Inkster Legends Basketball Camp.



Inkster Legend Coach Stephanie Davis gets students' attention at Legends basketball camp.



Students gather for instruction during the 20th Anniversary Basketball Legends of Inkster camp at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster last month.

Basketball Legends marks 20th summer camp

The Basketball Legends of Inkster celebrated the 20th anniversary of the organization this year with the traditional free training camps for young players. This year, to honor the two decades of dedication to teaching basketball to students, several special guests participated in the daily camp lessons, noted program founder and current President and Director Fred Smiley.

“Aisha Thomas, a personal

trainer from the Romulus Athletic Center showed the kids how to get in shape and stay in shape,” Smiley said. “We also had former camper Alex Legion, who started at these camps as a 9-year old and now plays professional basketball in Italy, coach the kids.”

Smiley added that this year the students all understood how important it was to pay attention if they were going to learn the basic skills of basketball during

the camp.

“They understood how important it is to have a good attitude while learning the proper way to pay the game of basketball and that attitude is the most important part about education and life,” Smiley said. “The coaches gave the kids some wise advice and they all did a phenomenal job.”

Piston announcer George Blaha was at the camps for the 20th year and surprised the

Booker Dozier Best-In-Camp award winners with two tickets for the Pistons first home game at the new Little Caesars arena.

“I want to personally thank all the volunteers who made camp another huge success. This is what happens when everyone takes ownership in the Inkster Legends Basketball Camp,” Smiley said.

“I also want to thank the sponsors who are just too many to mention in fear of leaving some-

one off that made it possible to have a free basketball camp that is second to none. Everyone in attendance made us extremely proud of the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex.”

Smiley also offered thanks to Anthony (Nick) Jones of Berta Vision and Lawrence Simmons of Low 14 for their video work, “which is integral to what we do.”

“And finally,” Smiley said, “none of this is possible without the grace of God.”

Recall

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petitions.

“I’ve never been involved in any kind of recall, I always thought these things were a waste of time, but I really think this is necessary,” he said. “This is a serious group of people. It’s not just me involved. We want to wake Wayne up and get them to do the right thing.”

Roberts, 61, said. “I am just trying to get my city to run properly.”

Sanders received a notification from the elections commission Monday that the hearing on the matter is set for noon Aug. 30.

Roberts stressed that the group of citizens is “very serious” about the recall effort.

“We already have 20 people committed to getting signatures,” he said. “We can only be stopped by Wayne County. Chris Sanders may bring this community together after all.”

Sanders, a lifelong resident of Wayne is employed at Ford Motor Co. His current city council term will end in November, 2020.

While he declined specific comment on the charges, Sanders did say that he felt the basis for the petitions contained erroneous and false information and that the law requires that the petitions be factual and the language clear.

“I was elected to serve the best interests of all Wayne residents, which I intend to keep doing no matter what political pressure and tactics are used to derail my efforts,” he said.



Christopher Sanders

Scarecrow entries sought

There are some unique visitors expected in downtown Wayne this fall and Wayne Main Street is welcoming them wholeheartedly.

Registrations for the Wayne Main Street Scarecrow Show will be accepted through Sept. 22. The event is open to all members of the community and an entry form can be downloaded at downtownwayne.org/volunteer-2/scarecrows or by registering in person at the Wayne Historical Museum, located at One Town Square in Wayne. The entry fee for the Scarecrow Show is \$20 or \$15 for returning participants who already have a frame.

Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown from Sept. 30 through Nov. 3. More than 70 unique scarecrow creations are expected throughout the area and residents and visitors can vote for their favorite

Wayne Main Street will host a voting contest and reception in from 3-7 p.m.

Oct. 19 at Derby's Alley, 35005 W. Michigan Ave, Wayne. The 2017 Scarecrow Contest Winners will be announced at that time.

Launched by Wayne Main Street in 2012, the Wayne Scarecrow Show has become a signature event for downtown Wayne.

“Scarecrows are a great community building activity. Our goal is to get everyone in Wayne excited and involved in the things that are happening in downtown Wayne,” commented Angie Jarman, Wayne Main Street committee member and scarecrow project manager.

Each year the Scarecrow Show draws thousands of visitors to downtown to view the over 70 scarecrows installed throughout the city commercial district, a spokesman added. For more information, contact Wayne Main Street at director@downtownwayne.org or call (734) 629-6822.

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59. Auctions

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the highest bidder.

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All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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Fire safety rating lowers insurance rates

Residents in Northville Township may not be aware that they receive an extra benefit from the highly-rated fire protection services in the community.

Homeowners insurance rates which are factored, in part, on the Insurance Services Office classification of local fire departments, are markedly lower in the township due to the fire department rating.

The Northville Township Fire Department is rated in the top 1 percent of fire departments in the State of Michigan according to the latest independent classification. There are only 29 departments in the state that rate a 3 on a 10-point scale system among the 2,017 fire departments across the state, according to a prepared statement from township fire officials.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an advisory organization that collects information useful to the insurance industry. Through the Public Protection Classification (PPC™) program, ISO representatives evaluate municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. Community investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses, officials said.

Categories evaluated in determining a community rating include the emergency communications system along with fire department equipment, staffing, training, and geographic deployment of fire companies, water supply system and community efforts to reduce the risk of fire. Community efforts include fire prevention codes and enforcement, public fire safety education, and fire investigation programs, officials said.

Residents of Northville Township benefit from a high ISO rating, reducing the cost of home owner's insurance premiums along with receiving high-quality fire department services. The program also provides fire departments with a benchmark, and is used by many departments as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

Northville Township Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler said that the township fire department is committed to providing exceptional fire and Advanced Life Support services to the community.

“Our fire department has a philosophy of continuous improvement regarding service delivery,” Mutchler said.

For more information on the ISO Public Protection Classification, visit <https://www.isomitigation.com/>.

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Commission OK’s 2 new downtown site plans

Members of the Northville Planning Commission have approved site plans for two projects in the city.

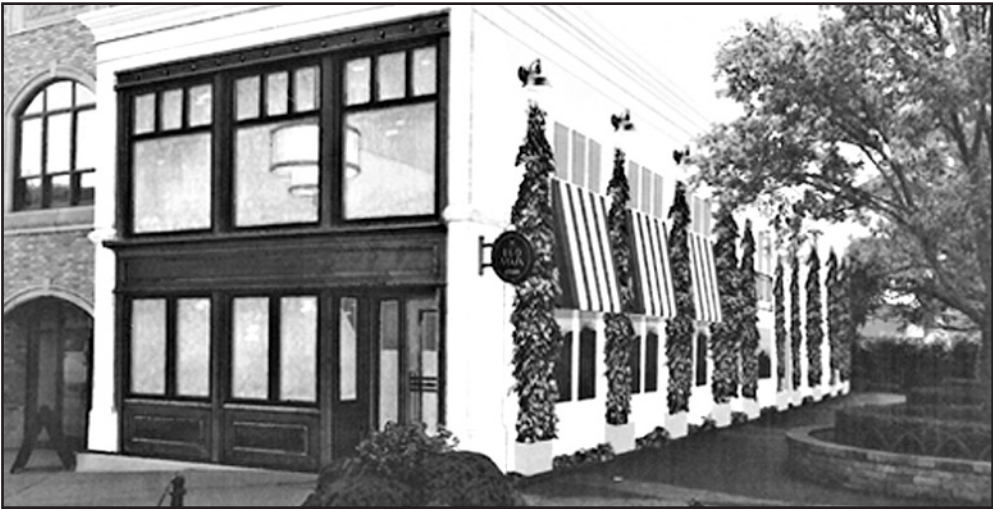
The commission members were satisfied with the plans presented for a new Italian restaurant to be located in an existing building adjacent to Town Square. The new eatery is named for the location, 160 Main, and plans include a full panel of windows on the front facing Main Street and striped awnings over windows on the west side of the building facing Town Square where there will also be a set of balcony doors.

The second floor of the building will be renovated into a mezzanine level, with an overlook onto the main floor dining area. The restaurant will offer both dine-in and carry-out service, according to proprietor Brian Maiorana. The architect is Brian Carpenter of A3 Studios, Architects PC, of Troy.

The second project approved by the commission during the Aug. 15 meeting is a building addition to the library.

The project will convert 800 feet under an overhang on the northeast side of the lower level into an enclosed space for a meeting room and two group study rooms. The architect is Merritt Cieslak Design, PLC, of Farmington, according to plans submitted to the commission.

Each project will require approval of the proposed plans from members of the Historic District Commission and members of the Northville City Council.



Rendering of proposed 160 Main St. project in Northville.

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Meeting Notice to the Public

The ELECTION COMMISSION of the Charter Township of Canton will meet
August 30 at 2:30 p.m. at the
Office of the Township Clerk
First Floor of the Administration Building
1150 South Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan

AGENDA:

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Siegrist, Sneideman, Anthony

Adoption of Agenda:
Order of Business:

1. Approval of the voter precinct boundary changes

Adjourn

All Interested residents are invited to attend.

Access to Public Meetings

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Kerreen Conley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5100

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2017 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2017 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant and Project Representative Kevin Deters for property located at 41276 Ford Road on the north side of Ford Road between Haggerty and I-275, Zoning C-4 Commercial. Appealing Section 6A.05. 6A.06.a and 6A.27 Nonconforming Signs Zoning Board of Appeals Section 27.05 (a) Appeal of Administrative Decision by Building Official. Parcel ID 047-99-0007-005 (Building)

2. Applicant Schostak Brothers & Co., Inc. Canton Corners/Ford Road LLC property representative Lynore Clark for property located at 42405 -42927 Ford Road on the South side of Ford Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor, Commercial Zoning District. Appealing Article 6A.00 Signs Section 6A.22.4.b Multiple-Tenant Sign Parcel ID 71-054-99-0001-701 (Planning)

3. Applicant Michael Boggio for property located at 44995 Ford Road on the south side of Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Roads, C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District. Appealing Article 6.10 .d Site Development Standards for the Central Business District Overlay Area and Placement Requirements, Section 2.24A relative to Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses Wetland Protection, Section 4.01D.4 relative to Off-Street Parking Requirements, Layout and Construction, Ingress and Egress and Section 402.B.2 For Loading Space Requirements. Parcel ID 71-058-66-0003-006 (Planning)

4. Applicant Bart Patterson for vacant property located at 50625 Cherry Hill Road on the west of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Coolidge roads, R-1 Zoning District. Appealing Article 2.00 Section 2.24 Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses Wetlands Protection. Parcel ID 71-074-99-0006-000 (Planning)

5. Applicant Scott & Melissa Fassett for property located at 45784 Drexel on the east side of Drexel between Chadwick and Longwood Roads, R-4 Zoning District Appealing Section 78-127, Nonconforming Fences and Section 78-131 (4) (a) relative to Partition Fences and Walls. Parcel ID 033-01-0800-000. (Building)

6. Applicant Ed Phillips, Phillips Sign & Lighting for property located at 7300 -7330 Canton Center on the east side of Canton Center between Warren and Brunswick Drive, Zoning O-1 Office Section 6A.15 relative to Ground Sign Requirements and Section 6A.21 relative to Directional Sign Requirements. Parcel ID 011-99-0005-002 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact
Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

AUGUST 24, 2017

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 4, 2017 the Charter Township of Canton will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects: Project # 1 Housing Rehabilitations for the purpose of repairing residential homes, \$156,000 throughout Canton. Project # 2 ADA Handicap Door for the purpose of providing ADA compliant automatic doors, \$20,000 at Summit on the Park Community Center. Project # 3 ADA Pathway for the purpose of providing greater and safer travel to the I-275 pathway/trail, \$75,000 at Cherry Hill Road and Lotz Road. Project # 4 ADA Aquatic Pool Lift for the purpose of providing greater and safer access to the Summit on the Park pool, \$6,000 at Summit on the Park Community Center.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

NOTICE OF FONSI

The Charter Township of Canton gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Canton Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. All comments received by September 4th will be considered by Canton Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Canton certifies to HUD that Pat Williams in his capacity as Supervisor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Charter Township of Canton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Charter Township of Canton's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Canton; (b) the Charter Township of Canton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at McNamara Federal Building at 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pat Williams, Canton Township Supervisor

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

6th Citizens Police Academy applications accepted

The City of Romulus Public Safety Department is now accepting applications for the sixth Citizens Academy Class - 2017 Fall Session. The 15-week program will commence Wednesday, Sept. 6, and will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Classes will take place from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. each week at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The Citizen Academy provides Romulus residents and business owners with a first-hand overview of both law enforcement and fire service functions of the Romulus Public Safety Department, officials said. Some of the training topics include Patrol Operations, Use of Force, S.W.A.T. Operations, Bomb Squad, Crime Scene Investigations, Jaws of Life, Fire Suppression demonstrations and others.

Instructors for the program are highly-trained and experi-

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Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a Romulus resident or business owner to participate.

enced police officers and firefighters from the City of Romulus and the Metro-Detroit area. Participants will be involved in both hands-on and classroom training. Recruits will utilize a, state of the art, firearms training simulator and will participate in realistic “Shoot/ Don't Shoot” scenarios.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a Romulus resident or business owner to participate. There is no fee for

the program, however applicants should be committed to the full 15-week program. Due to the overwhelming response to the program, applicants must pre-register for the class. The class size is limited to 25 students.

Applications may be obtained in person at the Romulus Police Department, or downloaded from the City of Romulus website www.romulusgov.com/citizensacademy.



Early warning

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club presented 60 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to Sumpter Township for distribution, primarily to low-income seniors who may not be able to afford the protection devices. Township employees will handle distribution of the detectors, purchased from Sumpter ACE Hardware at a significantly discounted price to help in the Rotary effort. Rotarian Julie Hardy, left, Sumpter Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk, Rotarian Mary Jo Suchy and Sumpter Township Supervisor John W. Morgan are all smiles during the presentation Aug. 4 at township hall.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 17/18-06 Two Year Contractual Services Agreement for Pavement Marking

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for a two year contractual services agreement for the annual pavement marking of approximately thirty-six miles of Major and Local Streets as specified by Section 811 of the MDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mitn.info/>). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
- A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:30 P.M., Friday, **September 15, 2017**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.
- For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@romulusgov.com.

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INVITATION TO BID

City of Romulus

ITB 17/18-04 - Project #0155-17-0031

Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction. The work includes concrete road construction, water main, sanitary, storm sewer, traffic signal, sidewalk and restoration.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the City of Romulus City Hall - Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, MI 48174.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on September 19, 2017. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 17/18-04 - Project #0155-17-0031 Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file after 4:00 PM, August 29, 2017, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (734-522-6711).

Registered companies can download copies of the bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mitn.info/>).

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Mark Loch of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment at 734-466-4441 or mark.loch@ohm-advisors.com.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

- Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-249 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays – None. **Abstain –** Makowski. **Motion Carried.**
- 17-250 2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017 – closed session, Attorney Opinion and open session, Demonstration of New City Voting Equipment. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays – None. **Abstain –** Makowski. **Motion Carried.**
- Petitioner:** None
- Chairperson's Report:**

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden commented on the “Relay for Life” cancer fundraiser. Members of St. John's Lodge spoke about their “Annual Youth Day” which will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from noon until 5:00 p.m.

- 17-251 4A.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Patricia Webb Jones. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-252 4B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Michael A. Plank. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. The CSX Railroad crossing at Goddard and Shook Road is currently under repair.

- 17-253 5A(1).** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 8:00 a.m., the closure of Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017 and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-254 5A(2).** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Wayne Road and ending at Five Points beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017; and, re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017 for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-255 5B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to extend (award) RFP 12/13-36 through June 30, 2018 for licensing and maintenance of the Hyland OnBase modules currently utilized throughout the City with Applied Imaging at a cost of \$11,591.60 as well as any professional services needed from Applied Imaging at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-256 5C(1).** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and reject the only bid received for ITB 16/17-2 for the replacement of the carpet in the concession area of the Romulus Athletic Center since the bid did not meet the bid's minimum specifications. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-257 5C(2).** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration to waive the bidding requirements of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 39-9 (b) (Material/goods purchases) and allow for needed carpet to be purchased from ProSource in the amount of \$8,81 and for the carpet to be installed at a cost of \$4,597.05 by John Wery in the concession area of the Romulus Athletic Center. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-258 5D(1).** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the use of Liquiforce Inc. (Bid 14/15-03) for part #1 up to a sum of \$444,000.00 to CCTV and Rehab Sewer in Sections of 35 & 36 of the City (Oakbrook and Meadows Subdivisions). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-259 5D(2).** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the use of OHM to monitor, design, and provide inspection in the amount of \$102,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-260 5E.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to approve the proposal for professional engineering services with OHM for roadway design: Ecorse Road Reconstruction, from Vining Road to Merriman Road, intersection improvements on Ecorse Road at Wayne Road, Merriman Road and Middlebelt Road in an amount not to exceed \$521,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-261 5F.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to approve the proposal from Wade Trim for professional design and permitting services associated with the Vining Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-262 5G.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-4 to recognize contribution from Seefried Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Ecorse Roads, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Road Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Mercury (Amazon). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-263 5H.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-5 to replace the Romulus Municipal Library front doors (\$10,380) and replace staff printer (\$400) – approved by the Library Board on July 17, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Construction Fund – Vining Road Extension – Ecorse Construction					
Revenues					
402-000-674.297		Contribution from Others	-	666,000	666,000
Expense					
402-000-980.000		Project Costs	-	666,000	666,000

To recognize contribution from Seefried Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Ecorse Roads in accordance with the Intergovernmental Road Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Mercury. (Amazon). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-263 5H.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-5 to replace the Romulus Municipal Library front doors (\$10,380) and replace staff printer (\$400) – approved by the Library Board on July 17, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
LIBRARY FUND					
Expenditures:					
271-790-970.000		Library– Capital Outlay	77,400	10,780	88,180
Fund Balance					
271-000-390.000		Library Fund Balance	149,226	(10,780)	138,446

To replace the Romulus Municipal Library front doors (\$10,380) and replace staff printer (\$400). Approved by the Library Board on 7/17/17. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 17-264 5I.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-6 to allocate funding for Fire Department copier that was not purchased in the FY 16/17 budget and anticipated to be completed as part of the City-wide Print Management Program in FY 17/18. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND					
Expense:					
101-336-970.000		Fire – Capital Outlay	-	6,950	6,950
Fund Balance					
101-000-390.000		Unassigned – Fund Balance	3,100,400	(6,950)	3,093,450

To allocate funding for Fire Department copier that was not purchased in the FY 16/17 Budget and anticipated to be completed as part of the City-wide Print Management Program in FY 17/18 **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 6A. Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Ellen L. Craig-Bragg spoke about the Special School Election to be held Tuesday, August 8, 2017. There are two school proposals on the ballot. Clerks from other communities will be visiting to observe the new voting equipment. Voters can go to Michigan.gov/vote to track their absentee ballot. Clerk Bragg thanked Mayor Burcroff, Mayor Pro-Tem Barden and Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko for their support during preparation for this Election.

- 17-265 6A1.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-3, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of July 24, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 17-266 6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Alvin Dupree. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 6B. Treasurer's Report:** None.
- Public Comment:**

A resident requested that the City mow the grass on city-owned property next to his house as coyotes have been seen among the tall grass. A resident spoke about the “Relay for Life” fundraiser.

- Unfinished Business:**
- Mayor Burcroff commented that the administration will follow up on the tall grass/coyote situation.
- New Business:**

Councilman Wadsworth commented on a call he received from a local business owner who found one of his employees unresponsive and how professional the police and first responders were at doing their jobs.

- 10. Communication:** None.
- Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 7, 2017.

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‘Striker to the line’ Old fashioned baseball played Sundays

Area residents are invited to step back in time and experience a series of Civil War era baseball games featuring the Canton Cornshuckers. This local team will take on several Metro Detroit challengers in the Base Ball style of the 1860s, which at the time was considered a gentlemen's game of friendly competition.

The Canton Cornshuckers' play vintage base ball at 2 p.m. Sundays in Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Upcoming opponents include the Rochester Grangers Aug. 27 and the Plymouth Red Rovers Sept.10.

The players, also known as 'ballists,' will wear reproductions of period uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1867. The game or 'match' will be played by two area teams using 'original' rules of base ball, which include: no gloves, no bunting, no foot-first sliding, or over running first base. The team to bat

first will be determined by a coin flip or bat toss prior to the match. Nine full innings will be played, regardless of which team is ahead in runs or 'tallies'. The match will use a lemon peel base ball, measuring 9.75 inches in circumference and 5.75 ounces in weight. These vintage base balls are larger in comparison to modern baseballs, which have a circumference of 9.25 inches and weigh in at 5.25 ounces.

The pitcher or 'hurler' will deliver the ball with an underhand pitching style to the batter's or 'striker's' request, in an effort to ensure that the player at bat will be able to hit the ball. Modern-day balls and strikes are not called unless a pitcher/hurler fails to deliver the ball fairly. The player/ballist will then be warned by the umpire. If the batter/striker fails to swing at fair pitches, he will also be warned by the umpire. Foul balls or “foul ticks” may be caught in the air or on a single bounce for an out. Fair balls must be



Photo provided courtesy of Canton Cornshuckers

caught out of the air for an out. Match errors are recorded as “muffs.”

In modern baseball, a ball must cross either third or first base in fair territory to be a fair ball. In 1860s rules, balls are determined fair or foul, based on where they first land. So, a ball may land in fair territory first, then roll 15 feet into foul territory, and still be a fair ball. All bats are hand made out of Ash, Maple or Birch, often made by members of the team.

To add to the vintage feel of the match,

every player has a nickname that they have earned, such as: Marbles; Tex; Teddy; Muffin Man and St. Nikk. In vintage base ball, a left-handed hitter is known as a 'wrong hander,' and a foul tip is called a 'tick.' Outs are called as hands down, so one out would be one hand down and two outs would be two hands down.

The 1860s action also includes 'striker to the line' (batter up) and 'well held' (good catch), remarks encouraged from the audience.

Recreation directors named to state board offices

Canton Leisure Services Deputy Director Jon LaFever and Youth Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier were recently elected to the mParks board of directors.

Starting next month, LaFever will serve as mParks president-elect and Mortier will serve as mParks board member at large. The mParks board of directors is responsible for leading and governing the state advocacy association, formerly known as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Of the seven members, five mParks board members are elected by the membership and two are appointed by the president upon approval of the board.

“We’re very proud that these talented Canton Township employees are sharing their strong leadership skills on the state level,” said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. “Their expertise and passion for the industry will help mParks remain progressive as a parks and recreation advocate and advance its goals and initiatives for future generations to come.”

Since 2001, LaFever has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services and as deputy director currently oversees and coordinates operations at several Canton Leisure Services facilities. In addition, LaFever and his staff are responsible for the planning and execution of Leisure Services large-scale special events. An

mParks member since 2001, LaFever has been a frequent presenter at annual mParks conference and trade shows, is a member of the youth and teens and programming committees, has served as the mParks Michigan Youth Symposium chair and was recognized as the organization New Professional of the Year in 2006. He is currently an mParks director at large.

Mortier has worked for Canton Leisure Services since she was 17, starting out as a junior day- camp counselor and now is the full-time youth recreation specialist. She currently oversees the operations and programming of the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, summer camps, and special events. Mortier has been involved in many mParks committees and programs, serving as the chair of the youth and teen focus group and Michigan Youth Symposium. In addition, she was a youth innovative program winner and member of the conference and trade show committee, diversity committee, and most-recently the professional development committee, with the development of a LeadHERship workshop series.

Both LaFever and Mortier are Certified Park and Recreation Professionals (CPRP), overseen by the National Certification Board (NCB) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources and leisure services professions who meet the eligibility



Jon LaFever



Laura Mortier

requirements - including a combination of higher education and/or work experience

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